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## OUR MINERAL EXHIBIT OFF FOR ST. LOUIS.

**Car Load of Exhibits Started Tuesday. All Our Mines in Full Blast. Very Brilliant Prospects Ahead.**

The washery is in full operation at the Tabb mines.

Mr. Noe has resumed operations at his property on the LaRue vein.

They have decided to drift west wardly in the shaft at the Glendale mine.

The installation of the machine plant at the Miller mine was commenced this week.

Marion Mineral company placed orders last week for a new pump for the Pogue mine.

Blue & Nunn ordered a "Cameron sinking pump" Saturday, which will be used at their "Nine acres."

The "Ky. people" are washing up spar this week at the Holly mine, and will begin hauling from there shortly.

The Columbia people have at last decided to find the hole which floods their mine at every freshet, and will stop it up with concrete.

Mr. Porter brought a steel cutting core drill into the district Monday, and he proposes to thoroughly exploit their property here

Work was resumed at the Asbridge mine this week, in the way of cleaning up and making preparations to start this mine up soon.

C. J. Burget has just erected a splendid derrick and shaft house at the 9 acres. It is hoped to have the steam hoister going there next week.

The Mountain Lead, Zinc and Fluorspar company have about got all their machinery on the ground, and will soon have it set up and in operation.

The fire clay mines on the farm of C. R. Stevens, will commence the erection of their mining machinery just as soon as the weather permits, when the clay hauling will be resumed.

On Tuesday of this week wagons started hauling fluor spar from the "Big Four" mines near Sheridan. Mr. Noe says he can keep a number of wagons hauling all summer.

On the 9 acres near the Springs the diamond drill has started down on its deep hole to test the depth of the ore bodies. As this has been intended all the time, it was decided to go right on with the tests.

Our Levis correspondent says: Mining is on a boom here and the miners are happy. A car load of spar from the Eaton mines was delivered last week. Will Hopewell, of Sturgis, began prospecting on the John H. Price property last week.

Things are progressing nicely at the Old Jim and a full force of men are employed. They are getting out some mighty fine block Jack there now. Indeed there are many car loads dressed and on the yard now waiting to be hauled from there and shipped.

Dr. Watkins wants to purchase a large quantity of roots and herbs such as ginseng, Indian turnip, horse root, bitter apple, and any other kind of root and herbs that he can use as a root and herb doctor, for which he will pay the highest price in cash on delivery to him at Marion.

The Kentucky Fluor Spar company started all their wagons hauling on Monday from the following mines: Memphis, Klondyke, Hodge, Panther Hollow, Rider, Brown, Yandell, Asbridge, Tabor, Tabb, Wheeler and Blue and Marble. They will start hauling from the balance of their mines next Monday.

The Eagle Fluor Spar company are putting in new machinery at their Cullen mines near Salem for the purpose of separating spar from zinc and lead. The company have a very rich mine at this place, and if they are successful with the separation each and every one of the stockholders of that company can wear diamonds.

One of the finest samples of fluor spar exhibited at this office for many days was brought by Esq. T. C. Campbell, of Dyonsburg vicinity. He has a fine vein of it on his farm. The parties to whom he leased it have forfeited their privilege, we are informed and Mr. Campbell is now open for new propositions. Investors would do well to see him.

The Ohio Valley Mining company have contracted to have some drilling done at their Carrsville mine, with a view of ascertaining the depth from the surface down to the limestone. They are certainly located on one of the main fault fissure of the district, and when the limestones are encountered will most likely come upon a rich body of zinc ore.

Mr. Harry Watkins is having the Franks mine cleaned out with a view of ascertaining what a good thing he has. This is one of the old mines of the district, sunk for lead, and from the looks of the dump pile the owners never seemed to realize the zinc possibilities. Luck to you Harry. "The Franks" mine is a fine property for it is located on one of the main fault fissures of the district.

The Marion Mineral company will resume work again this week at their Miller mines. They have the machinery already there. Mr. Fred Clement will fit it up at once. He will also put in two 16-foot log washers with a four inch paddle. We understand they have several hundred tons of washed dirt already mined that carries 25 per cent. carbonate of zinc.

Mr. D. C. Roberts has leased the well known and much talked of Eaton property on the Salem road near Levis, and Mr. Geo. Roberts is general manager of the mine. Mr. Roberts expects to get enough spar from this mine to fill a large contract he has with some people in Alabama. This is quite a new thing for coke furnaces to use the fluor spar, but a good thing for the spar people.

A new boiler was placed in position Monday at the Klondyke mine to furnish power for installing a pump and for running a washery there. Operations will be resumed at this and the Memphis mine, near by, very shortly. This group of mines furnish much of the choice lump spar delivered to the mill at Marion. It is proposed to bring the output up to 25 tons a day at once.

The Ky. Fluor Spar company and Blue & Nunn shipped Tuesday a car load of mineral of different kinds to exhibit at the Worlds Fair. "Diggenham" & Drescher regret very much they haven't any mineral to exhibit at this fair but if there is a Worlds Fair next year they say they will be fixed for it. We wish the two young men all the success in their new undertaking which their great energy deserves.

We are informed by Mr. F. Julius Fols, the geologist and mining engineer for the Marion Zinc company, that this company will begin the erection of their large mill for the separation of the lead and spar at their Riley mine next Monday. Five cars of machinery have arrived with another car en route. The company has also purchased machinery for three of their other mines, all of which will shortly be in operation.

The Gracey Mining company has been formed and incorporated under the acts of congress of 1901 at Washington City. The capital stock is placed at \$500,000. A liberal portion of the stock, according to the Times Journal, is held by Clarksville parties.

J. T. Wall is president and J. E. Medley Secretary. Machinery has been ordered and operations will be commenced in the neighborhood of Gracey in the near future.

The company controls leases on several tracts of land and has discovered evidence of the existence in paying quantities of the fine quality of lead, zinc and fluor spar. There are eleven stockholders, composed of some of the best citizens of this section, and they believe that they have a good thing in sight. —New Era.

The Louisville Spar, Lead and Zinc company, organized early in January with a capital stock of \$25,000, has closed a contract to mine from its fields located near Marion, Ky., 400 tons of fluor spar a month, which has been contracted for by Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania companies to be used in fluxing iron ore, says the Courier-Journal. The ready sale which the product has found will cause the company to increase its capital stock, and begin aggressive operations as soon as possible. The stockholders in Louisville are L. M. Rice, R. C. Watkins, Jno Rice and E. A. Hall. Prof. J. L. Elson of New Albany, has been engaged in making analysis for the company, and the spar found is said to be 88 per cent pure. He speaks very encouragingly of the outlook.

### HARRY WATKINS' DEPARTURE.

Probably no greater void could have been created in our local mining circles than the withdrawal of Harry Watkins. He has been so long and so intimately associated with all of our successful mining ventures that the name of Harry Sagwa Watkins had become a synonym of success. A good friend to all, from the poor struggling prospector to the fortunate mine owner, his rare tact and good judgment has made him universally loved.

The Press voices the sentiment of the entire district in wishing him the utmost good luck in his new and chosen field of labor. It is very like the man to select for his later life work the amelioration of the sufferings of his fellow man. Indeed, for many years this has been his one object and he has patiently awaited an opportunity to put it into practice. He will visit Paris, the birthplace of his life long friend, Dr. Pretty Eagle, the fortunate discoverer of that rare medicinal plant, Sagwa, and receive his degree. Dr. Watkins will locate in the immediate vicinity of the Hodge mine, where the Sagwa plant grows luxuriantly and from this point will send out his "leaves of healing" to a suffering world.

In the exhibit ores forwarded by Blue & Nunn from the "Old Jim" mine were two huge lumps of sulphide of zinc, each weighing over 3000 lbs., the two aggregating 3 tons; also, one immense piece of mixed galena and Jack was loaded from the "9 acre" property, weighing over 1,000 lbs. and in addition to that these lumps represented a neat condition of blasting and great care had to be used in hoisting them to the surface.

There was also loaded from the Old Jim property as representative lot of carbonate ore as can be seen in any district. Much of this carbonate ore shows considerable oxide and hydroxide.

From the 9 acres an attempt was made to make up as representative lot of ore occurring in fissure veins as was possible; ore was taken mine run, so as to show the various gang accompaniment, as well as attempt to show the character and nature of the Genesis or origin of the primary ore deposits, which are believed to be as rich in this district in zinc concentrate possibilities as any zinc-lead district in the country. Several tons of these ores were included in the shipment.

The exhibit carload also contained a most representative lot of choice fluor spar, as well as typical grades of fluor spar, some of them weighing more than a ton each and as beautiful to look upon in their pearly lustre.

Besides, the "Kentucky people" included an exhibit of their various spar products, resultant upon milling, washing and grinding.

All in all the Crittenden county

exhibits will have no cause to be ashamed at the big show, for it will not be excelled, if indeed it is equaled, by any district. However, it is to be much regretted that there was so little interest taken by the operators at large to send exhibits of their mine products, and those who have gone to the trouble and expense of getting together this splendid display deserve much credit and commendation. Those not exerting themselves to include representative samples of their product have probably missed an opportunity of a lifetime; certainly these exhibits will do much towards advertising and setting forth the possibilities of this district. The mineral exhibit will be under the critical eye of mining men and capitalists from all sections of the world, and that all operators from this district have not contributed their effort towards making the display more complete is indeed lamentable.

### PRESIDENT FISH

**Coming Down the Illinois Central to Inspect the System.**

President Stuyvesant Fish, of the Illinois Central, will come through over the big system next Monday, accompanied by a party on a private train. It is thought to be a combined business and pleasure trip.

Marion should turn out en masse to meet Mr. Fish and call his attention to our depot. Marion should have a new brick depot, and by properly getting our town and country, the mining and other interests before the officials at the head of the great system, they will land a \$10,000 depot and appoint Lon Johnson agent for life.

### STARR.

Last Tuesday, March 29, about fifty of our people left for the State of Washington. The names of the parties were published in the Press a week or two ago.

H. C. Hill, who has been visiting here for some time, returned with them.

There were 27 whole tickets sold and a number of half tickets. The number of friends present to see them off was estimated at 500 or more; and now we learn that another car load will leave about the 26th, and that a number of families will leave for Kansas the third Tuesday, and so they continue to go.

The parting at Crayneville was one of deep solemnity. It was almost heartrending to see the mother as she took her son and daughter by the hand and gave them the final farewell kiss, and the father, with quivering lips as he would say, "Son, be a good boy", and turn away to suppress his feeling of grief; and sisters parting from sisters, brothers from brothers, and sweethearts as they slowly reach out their hands and take the last farewell grasp, and at the thought we will soon be 4,000 miles apart, tears would unbidden start.

So they are gone and all have the best wishes of their many friends.

### GRAND JURY REPORT.

**On the Proposition to Build a New Court House.**

#### MAJORITY REPORT.

After an examination of the public buildings of Crittenden county, according to the instruction of Judge Gordon at the term of court just closed, the grand jury made the following reports on the court house question:

"We, the undersigned grand jury, report fully that we have made an examination of the court house and find that the building is in a condition substantial enough for all purposes required by law.

We, therefore, are opposed to condemning it in the grand jury room, but suggest that it be left to a vote of the people of the county." Signed:

Alex. Woody,  
Thos. J. Stone,  
Chas. Clement,  
W. J. Fuller,  
J. H. Bettis,  
Wm. J. Little,  
W. H. Guess.

#### MINORITY REPORT.

"We, the undersigned grand jury, in and for Crittenden county, would most respectfully report that we have made a careful and most substantial examination of the public buildings of the county and find that the court house is insufficient for the use as a court house in Crittenden county, both for the accommodation of the county officials and for the sessions of the courts; and, by age and deterioration has become unsafe for the keeping of the public records of the county.

We, therefore, recommend that the building on the public square be removed, and that the county of Crittenden be required to have said buildings removed, and to erect in that place a modern court house; said new building to be erected in the center of public square and to be of modern design, safe construction and amply commodious for the accommodation of all the courts; and that provisions be made in said building for the safety of all public records, and that there be expended for the erection of said building a sum not exceeding \$40,000.

The jury also suggests that all the material that could be used in the old building, be used in the construction of the new building." Signed:

A. Dean,  
Chas. Davis,  
J. W. Lewis,  
E. E. Harpending,  
H. C. Farmer.

### HATS HATS!

Yes, Ladies' Hats. I am having my hats made to order by expert manufacturers, which will enable me to lead in styles, beauty and prices. I will also give a nice present with each hat sold. Don't buy until you see my hats and get my prices. W. H. TOWERY, Shady Grove, Ky.

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